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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown <u>underlined</u> while deletions are struck through.

1 (currently amended): An adhesive composition comprising epoxy resins (A), phenol resins (B), synthetic rubber (C), and microcapsules (D), including the hardening accelerator that has each microcapsule having a core/shell structure in which a core part including the hardening accelerator is covered by a shell part formed with thermoplastic resins.

2 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein athe shell part of the microcapsule (D) including the hardening accelerator is formed with a polyurea having an isocyanate compound using a triisocyanate compound (1) represented with following chemical formula (1), and a triisocyanate compound (2) represented with following chemical formula (2) at a percentage of a mixed molar ratio of (compound (1)) / (compound (2)) = 100 / 0 - 30 / 70 as a constituent element.

Chemical formula -- (1)

$$CH_3CH_2C - CH_2 - O - C - NH - CH_2 - CH_2NCO$$

Chemical formula -- (2)

$$CH_3CH_2C - CH_2 - O - C - NH - CH_3$$

$$CH_3CH_2C - CH_3$$

$$CH_3 - O - C - NH - CH_3$$

3 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein athe shell part of the microcapsule (D) including the hardening accelerator is formed with a polyurea having a triisocyanate compound (3) represented with following general formula (3) as a constituent element, (where, wherein R represents a bivalent organic group in the general formula (3)) as a constituent element.

Chemical formula -- (3)

4 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) has a novolak type epoxy resin represented with athe following general formula (4) as a principal component (where, wherein G represents a glycidyl group, R represents -H or -CH₃, and n represents an integer of 1 or more in the general formula (4)) as a principal component.

Chemical formula -- (4)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} O-G & O-G \\ \hline \\ R & CH_2 \\ \hline \\ \end{array}$$

5 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) has a biphenyl type epoxy resin represented with athe following general formula (5) as a principal component, (where, wherein R represents -H or -CH₃ in the general formula (5)) as a principal component.

Chemical formula -- (5)

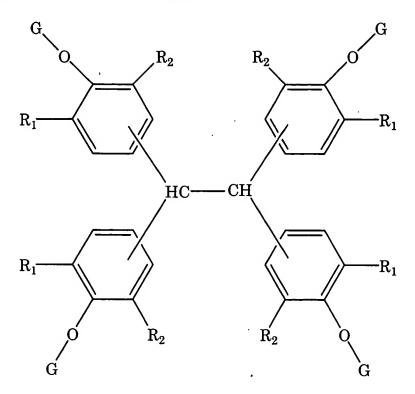
$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ CH_2-CH-CH_2-O \\ \hline \\ R \end{array}$$

6 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) has a tris hydroxyphenylmethane type epoxy resin represented with athe following general formula (6) as a principal component, (where, wherein G represents a glycidyl group, R represents -H or -CH₃, and n represents zero or an integer of 0 or 1 or more in the general formula (6)) as a principal component.

Chemical formula -- (6)

7 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) has a tetraphenylol ethane type epoxy resin represented with athe following general formula (7) as a principal component, (where, wherein G represents a glycidyl group, and R_1 and R_2 each represent independently represent. H or -CH₃, respectively, in the general formula (7)) as a principal component.

Chemical formula -- (7)



8 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phenol resin (B) is a phenol novolak resin represented with athe following general formula (8), (where, wherein n represents zero or an integer of 0 or 1 or more in the general formula (8)).

Chemical formula -- (8)

9 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phenol resin (B) is a phenol aralkyl resin represented with athe following general formula (9), (where wherein, n represents zero or an integer of 0 or 1 or more in the general formula (9)).

Chemical formula -- (9)

$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ CH_2 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} CH_2 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} CH_2 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} CH_2 \end{array} \\ \end{array}$$

10 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic rubber (C) is an acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber having a repeating unit represented with athe following general formula (10) as a principal constituent element, (where, wherein x : y = 1 - 99 : 1

Chemical formula -- (10)

$$-\left(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}\right)_{x}\left(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2\right)_{y}$$

11 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic rubber (C) is a carboxylated acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber having a repeating unit represented with athe following general formula (11) as a principal constituent element, (where, wherein R represents -H or -CH₃, and x : y : z = 1 - 98 : 1 - 98 : 1 - 98 : n the general formula (11)) as a principal constituent element.

Chemical formula -- (11)

$$\frac{-\left(\text{CH}_{2}-\text{CH}_{2}\right)_{X}\left(\text{CH}_{2}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_{2}\right)_{Y}\left(\text{CH}_{2}-\text{CH}_{2}\right)_{Z}}{\text{COOH}}$$

12 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic rubber (C) is a carboxylated acrylic rubber having a repeating unit represented with athe following general formula (12) as a principal constituent element, (wherewherein, R represents a

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monovalent organic group, and x represents an integer of 1 or more in the general formula (12)) as a principal constituent element.

Chemical formula -- (12)

$$-\left(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}\right)_{\text{X}}$$
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13 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to Claim 1, whereinfurther comprising inorganic fillers are further included.

14 (original): An adhesive film being formed of the adhesive composition according to Claim 1.

15 (original): A laminated adhesive film comprising the adhesive film according to Claim 14 and a pressure sensitive adhesive film.

16 (currently amended): An The adhesive film according to Claim 14 which is configured forto die bonding a semiconductor deviceusing the adhesive film according to Claim 14 or 15.

17 (original): A semiconductor apparatus wherein a semiconductor device is die-bonded using the adhesive film for die bonding according to Claim 16.

18 (new): The laminated adhesive film according to Claim 15 which is configured to die bond a semiconductor device.

19 (new): A semiconductor apparatus wherein a semiconductor device is die-bonded using the laminated adhesive film for die bonding according to Claim 18.